

## Meeting of the Heating Advisory Committee on July 27, 2006

Members present: Kevin Bayley, Andy Bernier, Steve Dumais, Ken Herrick, Bob Ives, Al Little, Bob Lundergan, Lyndon Rickards, Ken Taylor, Bob Wilkins

The committee members discussed how technicians who service and install household appliances (white goods ex. clothes dryer, gas range, etc.) will fit into the rules. The decision was not to create a separate license for them. They will be under the general category of service and/or installation for the appropriate fuel. Their factory training would supplement the general training of the approved training programs.

The committee next took up the problem of keeping technicians working who had not participated in any of the recognized training programs. It was decided not to add a provisional license at this time as the Fire Marshal felt the law allowed a one year moratorium from the date the rules were adopted.

How new people would be introduced into the field was also discussed. How would they get their hands on and classroom training was discussed in detail. It was decided to wait on this issue to find out if Amelia's Law gave the committee the authority to establish apprenticeships.

Other items discussed were to:

1 Change "commercial heating equipment systems or domestic water heating systems" to "non-residential gas appliances and any other gas utilization equipment" or similar wording. The goal is to change the rules to reflect the broader scope of HB 1711. Thus moving away from limiting the rules to heating and domestic water heating equipment.

2 Change "outlet of the gas meter or second stage regulator" to "point of delivery to the appliance(s)" or similar wording.

3 Reduce the amount of field experience for each specialty license from 4,000 hours to 2,000 hours.

4 To include in the rules the knowledge base for each specialty license. This provides information to training programs of the topics to be covered and allows for a uniform evaluation of training programs. (Lyndon Rickards and Bob Ives for installer and service: Steve Dumais for hearth technician)

5 The committee also discussed allowing equivalency of 2,000 hours of field experience and taking a multiple choice test for each specialty license.

Lyndon Rickards volunteered to make the revisions to the previous rules.